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DETROIT, JAN 23, REUTER - THE DETROIT NEWS TODAY SAID NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI WAS AMONG WHITE HOUSE STAFFERS SEEKING REMOVAL OF ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA).

IN A DESPATCH FROM WASHINGTON, THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE DRIVE HAD THE "TACIT SUPPORT" OF SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE, AND PRESIDENT CARTER WAS SEEKING A FACE-SAVING SOLUTION SHORT OF FIRING HIS CIA APPOINTEE.

THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT FROM THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON.

ADMIRAL TURNER, AN ANNAPOLIS CLASSMATE OF MR CARTER, WAS REPORTED WILLING TO STEP DOWN FROM HIS INTELLIGENCE POST IF GIVEN A SENIOR MILITARY ASSIGNMENT SUCH AS CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS OR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

A THIRD ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED BY THE CIA CHIEF WAS RETIREMENT OF GENERAL ALEXANDER HAIG AS NATO SUPREME COMMANDER AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMIRAL TURNER TO THAT POST, THE NEWS SAID.

ONE COMPROMISE BEING CONSIDERED BY PRESIDENT CARTER WAS TO LEAVE ADMIRAL TURNER AS CIA DIRECTOR IN NAME ONLY, WHILE TURNING OVER THE AGENCY TO MR FRANK CARLUCCI, NOW DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, THE REPORT SAID.

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